

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Electrical Upgrade of Buildings in Historic Business Core

LOCATION: Columbia State Historic Park

COUNTY: Calaveras

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Upgrade and renovate existing electrical service in the historic business core of Columbia State Historic Park to support current and projected demands (e.g., lighting, climate control, security, equipment use). Electrical conduits will be installed into and around existing structures and five electrical panel sheds of a compatible historic design will be added to non-public exterior locations. Conduits will enter buildings through existing locations and service cables will be placed in existing conduit or in trenches following the original service footprint. A DPR-qualified archaeologist will monitor all ground-disturbing activities.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Calaveras District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 31 Section: 15301, 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the repair and minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, and topographical features, involving negligible expansion beyond current level of use. Because most buildings affected by this project have been judged historically significant in their own right or contribute to the historic landscape, all work impacting the historic fabric or significance of the historic resource and its surroundings will adhere to the requirements set forth in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer and the California Historic Building Code.

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